

Section VI

Oral Testimony

This section of the JDSF FEIR presents a summary of public comment received at the two public hearings for the project. Responses follow each summarized comment. The hearings were held in Ukiah, California on Wednesday, June 12, 2002 starting at 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM. A certified shorthand reporter completed a transcript of each hearing. Respondent's comments are summarized and responded to in order of appearance at the hearing.

3:00 PM Session

1. **George Hollister:** Forwarded general support for several aspects of the proposed DFMP. States many perceived positive results of project impacts.
Response: Please see response to Letter GH-25 in Section V. Mr. Hollister's comments were repeated in written comments to CDF.
2. **Mary Wells:** Generally supports DFMP, but would like to see additional larger campground buffers, control of illegal dumping, trail reconstruction.
Response: Please see response to MW-45 in Section IV. Ms. Well's comments were repeated in written comments to CDF.
3. **Gary Roach:** General support for the DFMP, current and past management of the Forest.
Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V.
4. **Paul Hughes:** States that the DFMP lacks a recreation plan and the Forest could be better utilized with one. States that logging impacts water quality and quantity. Does not support clear cutting. Supports preservation of old-growth habitat. Support for Alternative E.
Response: Please see response to PH-151 in Section IV. Mr. Hughes' comments were repeated in written comments to CDF.
5. **Fred Wells:** States support for additional volunteer programs.
Response: Volunteer programs will continue to be allowed under the DFMP. There is no current plan to establish a CDF position solely for volunteer coordination.
6. **Tom Smythe:** Supports uneven-aged management. Wants to see logs processed locally.
Response: Please refer to the DEIR for analysis of the proposed uneven and even-aged management practices. The DFMP calls for a variety of harvest choices for comprehensive management options. The destination of the logs from the Forest is beyond the control of CDF and beyond the scope of the DEIR.
7. **Bill Heil:** Support for Alternative E. Does not feel that CDF will conduct "independent review" of projects under the DFMP. Points out that a "big mill" in Fort Bragg has closed since the EIR was started. Feels closure of mill will allow the two remaining mills to control

the bidding process to the detriment of smaller mills. States that the Hare Creek plan disturbed too much soil on the site.

Response: Please refer to General Response 1. Please also see response to BH-311 in Section IV; Mr. Heil's comments regarding mill closure and log contracts were contained in his comment letter to CDF. Soil disturbance on a single past THP within JDSF is beyond the scope of this EIR.

8. Niel Fischer: General support of Alternative C. Comments repeated in letter to CDF.
Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V.
9. Mark Rentz: General support of Alternative C. Comments repeated in letter to CDF.
Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V.
10. Zachary Jones: General support of Alternative C.
Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V.
11. Jere Melo: General support of Alternative C. Comments repeated in letter to CDF.
Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V.
12. Vince Taylor: States that CDF did not fulfill its legal obligation to make all materials available to the public. Takes issue with CDF not accepting e-mailed comment.
Response: The public comment period was extended to July 19th to allow for comment from those who had difficulty obtaining information. CDF received a very large volume of comments from well informed respondents. The documents were available in hardcopy and on the CDF website from the date of posting. Please refer to General Response 3 regarding e-mailed comments.
13. Jim Clark: General support of Alternative C.
Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V.
14. Rebecca Fitzgerald (North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board): States that NCRWCB is working on implementation plans and revisions to the basin plan for the Noyo and Big River watersheds. Would like the DFMP to be able to adapt to these forthcoming plans in the future.
Response: Please refer to response to Letter FR-126. Respondent's concerns are repeated in NCRWQCB comment letter to CDF. The DFMP generally calls for adaptive management and CDF will meet all future legal requirements regarding waste discharge.
15. Christine Wright-Shacklett (North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board): States that NCRWCB is working on revisions to waiver and waste discharge requirements. Would like the DFMP to be able to adapt to these forthcoming plans in the future.

Response: Please refer to response to Letter FR-126. Respondent's concerns are repeated in NCRWQCB comment letter to CDF. The DFMP generally calls for adaptive management and CDF will meet all future legal requirements regarding waste discharge.

- 16. Patti Campbell (Mendocino County Board of Supervisors):** Read excerpts from Mendocino County Board of Supervisors Resolution #02051. Resolution states support for sustainable production and management of timber resources in JDSF. Comments were repeated in written comment to CDF.

Response: Please refer to response to agency letter JDC-48 in Section III.

- 17. William Smith:** General support of continuing demonstration and logging on JDSF.

Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V.

- 18. Erik Geiger:** General support of Alternative C.

Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V.

6:00 PM Session

- 1. Jerry Philbrick:** General support for DFMP.

Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V.

- 2. John Burns:** No comment.

- 3. Ed Ehlers:** General support for DFMP. Notes that plan calls for updates every five years and as needed.

Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V. Updates to the DFMP will generally occur every five years unless there is a need to update sooner.

- 4. Mike Anderson:** General support for DFMP. Notes that he obtained hardcopy of DEIR and DFMP without difficulty.

Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V.

- 5. Jerry Filbrick:** General Support for DFMP.

Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V.

- 6. John Starkey:** General support of DFMP. Introduced logging crew.

Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V.

- 7. Philip Schuster:** General Support for DFMP.

Response: Please see response to Support Letters, Section V.